



# HI-Q

## THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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VE3FW - LARC call sign - honours the memory of the Founding President - P. J. "Pat" O'Shea

### LARC SENATE

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### LARC EXECUTIVE 2001-2002

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### LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT MOUNT BALDY 147.06 (-600) FP  
VE3TBR ST. JOSEPH'S 146.820 (-600) FP  
VE3BGA HILLCREST H.S. 147.390 (+600)  
VE3UPP UPSALA ONT. 145.470 (-600) FP  
(linked to VE3YQT)

### PREZ SEZ.....

The LARC February dinner meeting at the Slovak Legion was again a very successful event, with a wonderful meal and an excellent guest speaker in Chris Watkins who spoke on his mountain climbing expeditions to all parts of the world. A large number of door prizes were on hand for the members and their guests to win.

At this time I would like to thank all the Executive members who took part in putting this event together (Thanks also to President Bob.....Ed). It was a job well done. Thanks also to Keith VE3JQ for his donation of a 2m meter power amplifier as a raffle prize, won by Mark VA3MVR. At the next LARC meeting on March 14 Norm (VE3XRC) and Linda (VE3XLB) will give a talk and slide presentation of the Caribbean tour last Fall.

Your President  
Bob VE3RVA

### Interesting Web Sites.....

[www.MilAirComms.com/](http://www.MilAirComms.com/) military comm frequencies for listeners (VE3FAL)

[www.flamingtext.com](http://www.flamingtext.com) cool stuff for desktops, webs, etc. (VE3SJB)

[www.zianet.com/k5di/cw/](http://www.zianet.com/k5di/cw/) learning Morse Code made fun!!! (VE3FAL)

<http://cds.cdsl.net/smrs/vendors.html> amateur radio equipment (VA3AY)

[www.superfreq.com](http://www.superfreq.com) frequency allocations and other stuff (VE3FAL)

[www.artscipub.com/equipment](http://www.artscipub.com/equipment) amateur equipment modifications, etc (VA3JRS)

[www.eham.net/speakout/opinions/216](http://www.eham.net/speakout/opinions/216) this time the topic is amateur repeaters (VA3JRS)

[www.bldrdoc.gov/timefreq/service/its.htm](http://www.bldrdoc.gov/timefreq/service/its.htm) set your computer clock with accuracy (VE3UA)

(Yes, I know the following from ARRL is old news, but those who watched the Super Bowl may find it interesting.....Ed)

#### **ARLB010 Ham operators to provide Super Bowl support**

As thousands pack the Louisiana Superdome February 3 for the Super Bowl, a group of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers in the New Orleans area will be putting their equipment and expertise to the test this weekend in support of the American Red Cross.

This year's rescheduled Super Bowl falls in the middle of New Orleans' Mardi Gras celebration. With thousands of carnival revelers and football fans alike taking to the streets of "The Big Easy," Red Cross officials called upon local ARES members to join their corps of volunteers. While ARES officials say they expect no problems, they are prepared to handle a variety of communications tasks and emergencies.

Approximately 20 ARES members will take part in the exercise, which will run from 4 PM to midnight Friday and Saturday, February 1-2, and from noon to midnight on Super Bowl Sunday. Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Miller, AC5TM, will lead the ham volunteer team, and Keith Barnes, W5KB, will serve as the staff communications

lead for the local Red Cross. As needed, the hams plan to give Red Cross officials instant information on, and contact with, emergency and disaster relief resources in the field.

Amateurs will offer support communication at key Red Cross locations around the New Orleans metro area. They will stand by with Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) and ride along with Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs). In many cases, the locations of ERVs will be tracked by the Automatic Position Reporting System--APRS.

Amateurs will also staff a Red Cross communications trailer stationed near City Hall--just blocks from the Louisiana Superdome--as well as the Red Cross operations center. Because of extremely tight security around the dome--the FBI, Secret Service and local police have been sweeping the area for days. Amateurs stationed near the stadium will have to work at least six-hour shifts. Operators at other posts likely will rotate through four-hour shifts--available volunteers permitting.

Red Cross personnel rely heavily on cellular telephones, and hams have been requested to serve as a backup if the cellular system somehow becomes overloaded with calls. While problems are not necessarily expected, federal authorities have assigned the Red Cross to handle specific emergency preparedness tasks.

Amateur Radio operations will take place primarily on a local UHF repeater, with secondary coverage on VHF. The Red Cross center has been outfitted with a full complement of gear, including VHF, UHF, APRS, and HF. The New Orleans Amateur Radio Emergency Service K5OEP call sign will be used for net operations.

Volunteers will include members of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, the Delta DX Association, the New Orleans VHF Club, the Westside Amateur Radio Club and the Greater New Orleans Amateur Radio Club. Several non-club amateurs also are expected to volunteer.

### **Editorial Ramblings.....**

While reading a recent issue of the CCRAA newsletter (from across Lake Superior) I noticed that the club over there was able to field thirteen people from their club to assist the Salvation Army by manning kettles and "bell ringing" leading up to Christmas. Do we have enough interest to do the same thing next Fall? Maybe set up a challenge with the CCRAA? Hmmm....

**OVERHEARD.....**On **February 24** a number of locals worked **VE7TPD** on two meters as he drove though Thunder Bay. This call sign is **not assigned** as of that date (hasn't been a while now) and the operator may not be licensed. The terms of your license specify you may contact **only other licensed amateurs**.

### **ARLB011 Turkish Amateurs Fill Post-Quake Communication Gap**

Amateur Radio operators in Turkey were among the first responders following an earthquake in central Turkey February 3. More than 40 deaths and some 170 injuries were reported in the aftermath of the earthquake, which registered 6.0 on the Richter scale and shook the province of Afyon.

"Our communication system was used by our members within the Civil Defense SAR [search-and-rescue] team for communicating with their HQ in Ankara and within the affected area," said Aziz Sasa, TA1E, president of the Turkish national Amateur Radio organization TRAC.

"I must add that we were the only long and medium-range communication resource until normal communication facilities were restored."

Sasa said normal telecommunications systems in the region were restored "very rapidly," and that the amateurs were able to wrap up their response the same evening. Hams were at the scene in Afyon for about 10 hours. "HF was utilized only partly, most of the communication was handled on VHF and UHF with repeaters linked to each other," Sasa said. The terrain allowed wide coverage that included the capital city of Ankara--some 200 miles away.

### **REGULAR MONTHLY LARC MEETING**

**THURSDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 1930 HOURS**

**ROOM 181 MCINTYRE BUILDING**

**CONFEDERATION COLLEGE**

### **DOWN MEMORY LANE.....**

**March 1964.....**Thirty years ago there was concern expressed by the Club Executive about the shortage of paid-up members. It was suggested that a yearly due of **one dollar** would be payable and an additional **fifty or seventy five cents** per meeting attended. The Annual Dinner meeting was to be held at the usual place, the Lorna Doon restaurant at **\$1.75** per person (how many of you readers know where this was???? Ed.) Don **VE3EDJ** had his HF quad come down during an ice storm. Jack **VE3ECG** was working cross-band

with 2-meter phone. **VE3EEG** Roy working 10 phone into South America. **VE3TB** Doug working 75 CW and “Donald Duck” (how many of you know what that refers to??? Ed.) **VE3EEF** Herman working 15 CW, while Don **VE3DZJ** finally worked VE8OX after years of trying. Jack **VE3ECG** had a Hallicrafters SX-99 receiver up for sale.

An on-going problem for HI-Q Editor in those days was lack of material for publication (remember, this was decades before email and web sites....Ed.). A writeup appeared in HI-Q following a visit to **VE3EEG** Roy on Rosslyn Road. He ran a Harvey Wells Bandmaster and NC270 receiver. He used a BC625 and R28 equipment on two meters. Roy was home-brewing a remote garage-door openers system. (Yours truly was welcomed back from VE8-land, ex-**VE8PH**....Ed.)

### **WOULD YOU BELIEVE.....**

- a Dell computer customer phoned the technician to say his computer would not fax anything. After sometime spent troubleshooting, the technician discovered the man was trying to send the fax by holding up the sheet of paper in front of the screen.
- a customer phoned in to complain that she had broken the “cup holder” on her computer. After a few minutes talking with her, the technician discovered she was using the open disc drawer as a “cup holder”.
- a lady phoned the Canon help desk stating she had a problem with her printer. When the technician asked her if she was running it under Windows, she stated no, her desk is next to the door.

### **OVERHEARD AT A FLEA MARKET.....(Tks Rob VE3FLB)**

This rig came from an estate sale.....(any problems? take it up with the owner!)

This equipment was used in government service.....(stored outside on wooden pallets!)

Frequency stability is great!.....(VFO doesn't work so you'll have to use crystals!)

### **Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club held at the Slovak Legion Sun Room, Atlantic Avenue Thunder Bay, Ontario, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

The evening was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by VE3RVA, Bob Hansen. A moment of silence was observed for silent keys of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club. Grace was said by VE3RVA, Bob Hansen. Following a delicious buffet enjoyed by 38 members and guests, a short business meeting was held presided over by the President VE3RVA, Bob Hansen. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. followed by a roundtable of members and guests introducing themselves.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held January 10, 2002:**

The minutes of the meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 were published in detail in the January issue of **AHi-Q** and distributed to all members.

**Motion:** moved by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki and seconded by VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki that the minutes be accepted as

distributed.

**Carried.**

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski

Balance as of December 31, 2001		\$ 3,212.65
Income:		
50/50	13.00	
Bank Interest	0.02	
DONATION	15.00	
Membership dues	<u>105.00</u>	<u>133.02</u>
Expenses:		
Annual Dinner	50.00	
Bank S/C	0.50	
Insurance	18.36	
Telephone	<u>40.37</u>	<u>109.23</u>
Balance as of January 31, 2002		\$ 3,236.04

**Motion:** Moved by VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski and seconded by VA3XRM, Rod McLeod that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Carried.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Equipment:** VA3LU, Terry Stewardson reported all's well.

**Classes:** VE3SNW, Ed Baumann reported on the Amateur Radio Classes held at Confederation College with 10 students registered - all is going well. Ed invited amateurs to attend classes to share their expertise with students, and to bring along some stuff for show-and-tell !

**Ares:** VA3OJ, Randy Gottfred reported all is going well in reference to the Amateur Station to be situated in the new hospital. Randy also reminded members to send any changes in name/address/phone number to him so he can update the phone tree. Also, it is imperative that members wishing to participate in club events, to have their identification tag (with picture) with them and visible - no identification, no entry.

**RAC Ontario North:** No report

**Public Service:** VA3MVR, Mark Vaillant set up operators for February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Chippewa Park for the Autosport Club of Thunder Bay.

VE3XRC, Norm Bell handed out sheets with information where operators would be for the Sibley Ski Tour to be held March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002.

**Old Business:** VE3SNW, Ed Baumann and VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki edited the Treasurer's books and found them in good order and well supported by documents.

**Motion:** Moved by VA3LU, Terry Stewardson and seconded by VA3OJ, Randy Gottfred that the audit be accepted.

**Carried.**

**New Business:** None

**50/50 Draw:** The winner of the 50/50 draw was VE3XRC, Norm Bell.

**Adjournment:** Moved by VE3SNW, Ed Baumann that the meeting be adjourned.

**Guest Speaker:** VE3RVA, Bob Hansen introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Chris Watkins.

Chris spoke at length about the rewards of volunteering and how he has volunteered for many organizations over the years. From there, he led into his real passion, mountain climbing. He spoke of his adventures, passed around pictures and displayed some of the equipment he wears and carries with him when he goes on a climb. It was a very interesting presentation.

VE3RVA, Bob Hansen thanked Chris for his presentation and also thanked those who helped with this evenings dinner. Another great selection of door prizes were drawn for with everyone present receiving at least one prize. Thanks to all those who spent the time to go out and get contributions.

### **RAC ON AIR EVENTS REMINDER.....**

March 2-3 ARRL Int'l DX Contest , Phone 0000Z, Mar 2 – 2400Z, Mar 3.

March 9 – 10 World Wide Locator Contest 0000Z, Mar. 9 – 2400Z, Mar. 10

March 9 – 10 SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Mar. 9 – 1000Z, Mar. 10

March 9 – 10 Commonwealth Contest, CW 1200Z, Mar. 9 – 1200Z, Mar. 10

March 9 – 10 Great Lakes QSO Party

March 10 North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z – 0400Z

March 10 UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z – 1100Z

March 10 – 11 Wisconsin QSO {arty 1800Z, Mar 10, - 0100Z, Mar. 11

Tks Wayne **VE7CI** for this Photo:



One of Thunder Bay's more distinguished amateurs out for a nature stroll.  
It is, of course:

**(VE4UX (b) VA3AY (c) VG3AY (d) all of these**